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Boston, August 2, 1869.

J. W. Chapman Esq,

My Dear Sir,

~~After~~ Your note of July 1st,
informing me of the ~~general~~ opinion of
the George Thompson Testimonial Comtee,
that it would be ~~advice~~ best to invest
the money, ~~received~~ ^{contributed} here for said object,
in United States securities, ^{and} of the kind
known as "five-twenties," was duly
received. ~~That occupation of my~~
~~time has prevented an immediate~~
~~attention to the~~ Except in
regard to the risk incurred in the trans-
mission, I entirely ~~agreed~~ ^{concided} in that opinion,
~~and, having~~ consulted a leading banker
of this city, and ~~being~~ ^{was} advised by him ^{so} to
invest the ~~money~~ ^{amount} I had collected, ~~in a~~
~~"five-twenties" fund~~ and ^{to} insure ~~it~~ the
safe transmission to London, I made
^{of the Bond}

accordingly

a purchase of the One Thousand
Dollar ^(Coupon) Bond herewith sent. For this
bond I paid One thousand, One
hundred and seventy three $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars
(\$1173.75) - that is a fraction over 117 for 100.
Within three days the price of these bonds
rose more than three per cent., and they
have recently been sold here for 121 for 100.

~~I trust~~ ^{I trust believe} ~~and do not doubt~~ it will
prove a good and safe investment, and
I trust it will reach your hands safely.
You will please add it to the Testimonial fund in honour of ^{George} ~~George~~ ^{Shampton}.

As I have already exchanged
letters on the subject with yourself, it
seems best ^{that I should} address you now; -
~~I prefer to continue writing to you on~~
~~this business to you~~ - which I ~~doubt~~ ^{hope}
cannot doubt will be satisfactory to your
~~all the regular officers of the committee,~~
~~will pardon.~~

A small balance ^{of contributions} ~~will~~ remains
in my hands; to which I expect
some additions. When all is received

I shall send you ^{whatever may be} ~~the balance due~~, - in
a bill of exchange probably, - and also a
~~an exact~~ list of the ~~subscribers~~ contributors.

It is a matter of great regret ^{to me} ~~to me~~
that the sum we send is so small, where
our debt is so great. The American
abolitionists know well how vast a service
Mr. Thompson rendered, in arousing this
Nation to the Sin and shame of Slavery
upon our Soil. The nation reaps the
benefit of his labors, sacrifices, and
perils, but thinks too little of him and
others who did and endured so bravely,
patiently, & persistently. ^{Enough, indeed, for them} ~~that~~ American Slavery is dead -
But ~~a~~ ^{But a} few
of us, ^{may} ~~at least~~, ^{with} ~~may~~ con-
miserable offering, ~~that~~ at least
that he is not forgotten here, and we ^{desire to} ~~ask~~ his
assure him of ~~it~~ ^{our} ~~with~~ ~~the~~ most sincere
acceptance of ~~his~~ ~~small~~ ~~addition~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~
~~Testimonial Fund~~ ~~his~~ earnest, & devout
^{petition} ~~desires~~ ^{that} for the highest & best consolations,
hopes, and rewards, which the faithful soul

Can know, may be his, without
ceasing, in time and in eternity.

In behalf ~~of~~ not only of these
donors, ~~but~~ but of many friends whose
circumstances do not allow them to
participate in this tribute, ~~I write,~~
and with ~~these~~ ^{my best} respects to all
your Committee, remain I subscribe
myself ~~Very truly,~~

Yours with great regard,

(signed) J. C. H.

Please acknowledge receipt, ^{at once,} address me
at Leicester, Mass^{ts}. U.S. (as before.)

To Mr. Chepman, Esq.,
62, Kennington Road, S. E. London, Eng^l

No acknowledgement of this.

Mid. of Sept^r. I learned the "Bond" went in the "Germania"
wreck & lost on Coast of Newfoundland; but mails had been rec.
& sent to London; "registered letters" had arrived in London.

Sept. 21^(about) I write to Chepman, giving above facts.

Oct. 13. I receive a letter from him, with no reference to above.

Oct. 18. Rec^d. letter, ^{of Oct. 4} acknowledging mine of Sept. —

Oct. 20. Rec^d. letter, dated Oct. 9, reporting efforts, but nothing learned.

Oct. 21. I write him, acknowledging above 3 letters, & informing him of all I had done
as to purchase, insurance, registry of letter, &c. & quoting his letters to show all to be
a accordance with their wishes; & stating the Ins. Co. was prepared to pay if lost.
I explained my volunteer action in the case.